

## U. S. DIPLOMAT BACK FROM RUSSIAN CELL

Francis E. Mallett Tells of Arrest and Imprisonment as Tenth Spy.

### SAVED BY GIRL HE AIDED

Francis E. Mallett, the American Vice-Consul at Budapest, who warned the Department of State in March, 1914, that war was impending between the Powers of Europe, arrived yesterday on the Scandinavian-American liner Frederik VIII, after having spent half a month in a Russian prison on a charge of being an Austrian secret agent.

Mr. Mallett was arrested while in Russia on a mission for the Government of that country and of Austria concerning a plan looking to an exchange of prisoners. He was taken by the Third Section, the all powerful Russian secret police. He was spirited to prison, unable to tell his story either to the Government or to the American Ambassador, and only the fact that his case was learned of by the daughter of the Russian General, Rumel, when he had befriended, brought about his release.

The duties of the consulate in Budapest include taking care of the affairs of the British, French, Serbian, Montenegrin and Russian offices. Mr. Mallett had been active among the military prison camps of Austria-Hungary, and it was arranged between the Russian and Austrian Governments that he should visit the prison camps of Russia with the idea of arranging a possible system of exchange. He arrived in Petrograd on January 1, 1915, according to the Russian calendar, and was the next morning taken to a military prison where six soldiers, under two officers and three men in civilian clothes, burst into his room.

They threw themselves upon me," Mr. Mallett said, "and overpowered me. Then they ordered me to sit on the floor and face the stove without moving. When they had searched my room and seized my effects they took me to the receiving prison, where I stayed until some time next day. Next I was taken to the headquarters of the police, where I was given a short and one sided hearing, after which I was hustled to the Spasskaya or prison for political offenders. I was charged with being an Austrian agent, although I was in Russia on the Czar's business. I found that I could not communicate with the Russian Government or with the American Embassy.

"Fortunately for me, Miss Helian Rumel, daughter of the Russian General, whom I had befriended when in Hungary, learned through a roundabout way of my condition. She took the matter up with friends at court and the head of the police was advised to release me. Fifteen days after I had been arrested I was released. All that time I spent in a Russian cell, underground, full of vermin and filth, with my papers and money taken from me."

Mr. Mallett left immediately for Scandinavia. He is now in this country on diplomatic business and will go to Washington early this week.

Two Others Imprisoned.

There was another passenger on the Frederik VIII who had caused the rigors of Russian prison life in spite of the fact that he is an American citizen. This was John George Simon, an agent for the firm of Rice & Hutchins, who went to Russia on July 15 for his firm. On a previous trip last February he had sold 3,000,000 pairs of shoes for the Russian army. He had with him in Moscow another agent of the company, Frederick Keene of Chicago. While walking on the streets of Moscow one day they were stopped by a policeman who invited them to accompany him to the station, where he said they were to be questioned.

"Thinking it was a matter of our passports we went," said Mr. Simon. "To our surprise we were arrested as German spies and thrown into a dungeon. It was under ground, stinky and alive with vermin.

"They refused to let us communicate with the American Consul-General, John H. Snodgrass, but finally I managed to get word to him by the use of money. And I want to pay a tribute to Mr. Snodgrass for the way he worked for us. He was on the job more than 48 hours and he kept at it night and day for four days and a half, traveling back and forth between the Governor-General of Moscow and the prison. Finally, through Secretary Lansing and Senator Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, we were released. The Governor-General of Moscow apologized to me in person and assured me that he had not known of my arrest until Mr. Snodgrass complained of it. I was in prison eight days and Keene nineteen days. We had been in prison three days before they even asked us our names. We merely looked like Germans to them, that was all."

Frank Holmes, head of a zinc oxide and white lead exporting firm in Boston with a branch in Copenhagen, returned from a business trip with the report that Great Britain is beginning an even stronger blockade of the coast of Sweden. In the case of established exporting firms like his, he said, the customary exports are allowed to pass unquestioned, but any new consignment shipped arouses the most exacting scrutiny.

Gustav F. O. Brock, the famous miniature and portrait painter, who had been in the city for a year, arrived on a year's leave of absence from his Government to take some painting commissions in this country.

The Frederik VIII, which carried sixty-six passengers in the first cabin, 150 in the second and 530 in the steerage.

### DOUBT ABOUT BOLLINGER BABY

Not Necessarily a Mental Defective, Says Chicago Health Officer.

It is now asserted that Chicago's defective baby was not necessarily a mental defective. Dr. John Dill Robertson, Chicago's Health Commissioner, has written to the *Journal of the American Medical Association* a letter which appeared in yesterday's issue in which he says:

"When I visited the German-American Hospital eight hours before this baby died and made an examination of it and viewed the Roentgen ray pictures I was startled to observe that the baby was the defective baby that I had expected to see. At that time the baby was dying as the result of an intestinal obstruction."

"There was nothing to indicate that this child would have been mentally defective except that which would come from the absence of the sense of hearing on the right side."

Speaking of the so-called "simple operation" necessary to have saved the Bollinger baby's life Dr. Robertson says:

"This operation is not quite so simple as people have been led to believe and the results are not always satisfactory."

Dr. Robertson indicates serious doubt on his part as to whether the child should have been permitted to die. What the *Journal* thinks of the affair is shown by a short editorial comparing the handling of the case to Christian Science treatment, attacking Christian Science and concluding:

"The baby died because 'treatment' was absent."

## WAR CARGOES NOW \$3,000,000 A DAY

Big Part of \$57,712,825 Exports in a Week Are for Use on Battlefields.

### BRITAIN LEADS IN BUYING

Figures compiled by the foreign trade department of the National City Bank show that the exports of war material from the port of New York for use on the European battlefields averaged \$3,000,000 a day for the week ended November 27, 1915. This is an increase of approximately \$1,000,000 a day over the average in the previous week in November. Total exports from the port of New York for the week ended November 27, 1915, were valued at \$57,712,825, as compared with \$17,254,593 in the corresponding week in 1914.

During the five business days of the week ended November 27 more than \$10,000,000 in explosives and projectiles were exported from this port, including approximately \$2,000,000 worth of empty shells. The larger items forming this \$10,000,000 of exports were: Smokeless powder, \$3,457,535, which was about equally divided between France and England; \$2,500,000 worth of loaded projectiles, all to England; nearly \$500,000 worth of gunpowder, divided between England and Italy; \$250,000 worth of trinitrotoluol, divided between England, France and Italy; \$700,000 worth of automobiles, going chiefly to Russia, France and England; \$500,000 worth of barbed wire for Russia, and \$50,000 worth of aeroplanes, chiefly for England.

### Britain Still Largest Buyer.

Great Britain, as in the previous week, remained this country's largest customer, \$17,934,360 worth of goods being exported to that country during this week. In the week ended November 27, as compared with \$4,462,880 worth in the same week last year, France came second, against \$3,472,577, while Italy was third, with exports from New York amounting to \$6,662,891, against \$2,371,407 in the corresponding week in 1914.

The exports from New York show a record of nearly \$2,000,000 worth of merchandise to Vladivostok, chiefly war supplies and railway material. The shipments from all ports of the United States to Vladivostok amount to about \$25,000,000 in the current year, against about \$1,000,000 per annum under normal conditions. Automobile exports are now running at the rate of considerably more than \$100,000,000 a year in value. From the port of New York alone in the week ended November 27 exports were nearly \$2,000,000 worth of automobiles and parts thereof.

"That this country's exports to South America are making rapid gains is shown by the statistics which show that in five business days of the week ended November 27 the total exports to South American countries amounted to \$3,250,000, against less than \$1,000,000 in the same week in 1914 and \$1,500,000 in the same week in 1913.

### Increase in Imports Too.

The total imports of the port of New York also showed a considerable increase when compared with the corresponding week in 1914. The imports amounted to \$31,127,048 for the week ended November 27, 1915, against \$16,224,364 for the same week a year ago.

Following is a table of war order articles exported from this port during the week ended November 27, 1915, as compared with the same week in 1914:

### BOY HAWKSHAW ON THE JOB.

Young Informer Causes Arrest After Studying Newspaper Picture.

Police Captain Sweeney was sitting at his desk in the East Fifth street station yesterday when a boy for whom the captain had once done a favor entered. The boy asked if the captain wanted to catch a man who was wanted for murder in Detroit, Mich. After some hesitation the captain said he did. He followed his young informer to Fourth street and Second avenue. There was standing a man who corresponded to a picture printed in a New York Jewish paper for whom an alarm had been sent out from Detroit.

Accompanying the picture was an article telling how the missing man had murdered his sweetheart last October by cutting her throat. The girl's name was Gertrude Newfield. The captain, noting the striking resemblance between the man pointed out to him and the newspaper picture, arrested the suspect and notified the Detroit authorities.

### The Baby's Boudoir

Specially designed Nursery Furnishings may be found in a new and most attractive Department on the Fourth Floor (Madison Avenue side of the store). Comfort, beauty and sanitation, essentials that go to the making of the ideal Boudoir of the modern baby, have been considered in the furniture of ivory-toned and white enamel, in the soft colors of silk tuftings, and in delicate bows of satin or silk, creating a combination that is practical, fascinating and luxurious.

All the requisites of the modern Nursery are shown in extensive assortments.

### "7" Colds

Humphreys' Seventy-seven For Grip, Influenza, Colds

Homeopathic medicines when properly chosen go direct to the sick spot without disturbing the rest of the system.

To get the best results, take "Seventy-seven" at the first feeling of a Cold—laryngitis.

If you wait until you begin to cough and sneeze, have sore throat and influenza, it may take longer.

A small vial of pleasant pellets, fits the vest pocket.

25c and \$1.00, at all druggists or mailed. Humphreys' Homeo. Medicine Co., 150 William Street, New York.

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## Afternoon and Evening Dresses

In the very latest modes are shown in extensive assortments, at extremely low prices.

A special offering for Monday will comprise

Women's Afternoon Dresses of satin combined with chiffon; in black, brown or navy (sizes 34 to 44 inches) . . . at \$28.00

## Women's Separate Skirts

An extraordinary Sale for Monday will consist of

Women's Tailor-made Corduroy Skirts, at the remarkably low price of . . . \$4.75

## Dress and Skirt Lengths

of the season's desirable fabrics, including wool velour, broadcloth, cheviot, homespuns and plaids, in the most fashionable colors, will be placed on sale Monday at unusual price concessions:

Skirt Lengths . . . \$2.50 to 5.00  
Dress Lengths . . . 4.50 to 8.50

## Men's Balta Lace Shoes

of imported patent leather, taken from the regular stock, will afford a special price advantage on Monday at . . . per pair \$5.50

Men's comfortable House Slippers, in a variety of styles, may be obtained in the regular stock, at prices ranging from \$1.00 to 6.50. Christmas selections will be held for future delivery.

## The Blouse Department

announces for initial display, new Models featuring a delicately woven fabric of opalescent tints, the effective combinations with which they are trimmed giving distinction to an unmistakably charming mode. These Blouses may be obtained in the following range of prices: \$8.25, 9.00, 9.75.

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# An Eventful Sale of WOMEN'S AND MISSES' FURS AND FUR GARMENTS

in the latest fashions for Winter, will be held on **TUESDAY, December 7th**

This Sale, which is of great importance, presents for selection a wonderful variety of the choicest Furs, at prices that cannot fail to be of interest to those desiring the acquisition of modish garments, muffs and neckpieces.

Particularized are the following:

Sports Coats of Hudson Seal . . . \$75.00  
Coats of Hudson Seal . . . 125.00 & 175.00  
Coats of Hudson Seal, trimmed with skunk . . . 225.00 & 250.00  
Coats of Karakul, skunk-trimmed . . . \$150.00, 190.00 & 225.00  
Coats of Persian Lamb, skunk-trimmed . . . 225.00

MUFFS		NECKPIECES	
\$18.00, 25.00, 30.00	Beaver	\$9.50, 11.50, 35.00	
22.50, 32.00, 38.00	Black Fox	10.50, 16.50, 22.50	
22.50, 32.00, 38.00	Smoked Fox	11.50, 18.00, 28.00	
30.00, 45.00	Kit Fox	12.50, 13.50	
21.00	Natural Jap Fox	21.00	
45.00	White Fox	35.00	
45.00	Slate, Rose, or Dyed Blue Fox	45.00	
22.50, 35.00, 45.00	Black Lynx	15.00, 18.00, 35.00	
22.50	Natural Lynx	12.50, 18.00	
18.00, 22.50	Moleskin	9.75, 18.00	
28.00	Natural or Sabled Opossum	21.00	
11.00, 15.00, 22.50	Natural Raccoon	9.00, 18.00	
21.00, 30.00, 38.00	Skunk	9.50, 18.00, 28.00	
14.00, 17.00	Hudson Seal	10.50, 14.00	
12.50, 19.50	Black Wolf	11.50, 15.00, 21.00	
17.00, 21.00	Smoked Wolf	17.50, 22.50	
12.50	Dyed Blue Wolf	15.00	
14.50	Rose or Natural Wolf	10.50	
7.50	Persian Paw	7.50	

## MEN'S FUR-LINED AND FUR-TRIMMED CLOTH OVERCOATS

will also be on sale at the same time, affording similar remarkable price advantages:

Men's Overcoats, of oxford cloth, and also of imported black broadcloth, lined with a superior quality of muskrat skins and finished with collar of Persian Lamb, Beaver or Hudson Seal, at the special price of . . . \$58.00

(Fur Department, Third Floor)

B. Altman & Co. have arranged to hold the following group of Special Sales on **Wednesday, December 8th:**

Women's Glace Marvex Kidskin Gloves  
Women's Betalph Silk Hosiery

Women's Balta Slippers, of patent or bronze kidskin, at very unusual price concessions.

## THE SHOPPING LIST

Men's Silk Shirt, satin striped. \$5.00	Babies' Record Book . . . \$1.90	Leather Wrist Bag, oval . . . \$3.50
Men's Silk Four-in-hand Scarf. 1.50	Babies' Cashmere Afghan . . . 6.25	Leather Envelope Purse, oval. 1.50
Men's Silk Sweater . . . 25.00	Babies' Worsted Sacque . . . 1.75	Bill and Card Case, pin seal . 2.00
Men's Wool Sweater . . . 10.00	Babies' Silk Sweater . . . 5.25	Bill Fold of pin seal . 1.00
Men's Pancy Waistcoat . . . 6.00	Babies' Worsted Sweater . . . 2.45	Tourist Writing Case . . . 2.85
Men's Silk Hat . . . 6.00	Telephone Table . . . 10.00	Leather Frame, for photo 4x7. 3.50
Men's Cape Gloves, per pair . 1.50	Tennis Racket . . . 2.75	Brief Case of tan leather . 5.00
Men's Leather Collar Bag . 1.00	Racket Cover, waterproof . . 65	Nest of Six Ash Trays . . . 4.00
Men's Pitted Dressing Case . 4.85	Golf Bag, canvas . . . 2.75	Novelty Ash Stand . . . 1.25
Boys' Bathrobe . . . 3.50	Brownie Camera . . . 2.40	Mahogany Table Lamp, with silk shade . . . 5.50
Boys' Rubber Storm Coat . 2.45	Photo-print Album . . . 2.00	Mahogany Serving Tray . . . 4.00
Boys' Cap to match . . . .70	Humidor, for fifty cigars . 4.50	Boudoir or Desk Lamp, silk shade . . . 3.50
Boys' Wool Sweater (with rolling collar) . . . 3.50	Imported Checkerboard, with Checkers . . . 1.65	Cut Glass Bowl . . . 4.00
Boys' Silk Four-in-hand Scarf. .50	Sterling Silver Cake Server . 2.75	Cut Glass Vase . . . 4.75
Babies' Satin-covered Coat Hanger .50	Sterling Silver Tea Ball . . . 9.50	

## In the Lace Drapery Section

an additional offering Monday of Hand-made Lace Curtains and Panels, this season's importations, will comprise the following:

Hand-made French Lace Curtains pair \$4.50, 5.85, 7.50 to 16.00

Hand-made Filet Lace Panels each 13.00, 15.00, 17.50 to 33.00

The above price quotations represent important concessions from actual values.

(Fourth Floor)

## Decorative Lace Pieces

will be placed on sale, commencing to-morrow (Monday), at extremely low prices.

This collection of Hand-made Filet Lace Pieces will afford an opportunity for the selection of gifts of daintiness and refinement:

Table Covers of Hand-made Filet Lace, \$3.25, 4.50 to 39.00

Scarfs of Hand-made Filet Lace at \$9.00, 11.00 to 47.50

Chair Backs of Hand-made Filet Lace, \$4.00, 5.50 to 15.00

This Sale will be held on the First Floor.

## Red Cedar Chests

An extraordinary offering for Monday and Tuesday will consist of genuine Cedar Chests, handsomely trimmed with bands of brass. The construction of these Chests and their generous size make them most desirable, as durability and good craftsmanship are combined; size: length 42 inches, height 19½ inches, width 18 inches; fitted with lock and key, at the very special price of each . . . \$8.85

## Japanese Screens

A number of richly embroidered Japanese Screens (direct importations of B. Altman & Co.) will be on sale at the same time. These Screens, representing the individual and high decorative art of Japan, are constructed with four panels, are five feet, six inches high, and are specially priced at each \$8.75, 10.85 & 22.50

(Fourth Floor)

All Charged or Paid Purchases (including heavy and bulky shipments) will be forwarded Free of Charge, by mail, express or freight, to any point in the United States. The methods of shipment are optional with B. Altman & Co. and no discounts are allowed.

Many of the Store's patrons find the Madison Avenue Entrance most convenient.